



### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-17 and 43-62 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-17 and 43-62 stand rejected.

An affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 is being filed with this response.

Additionally, as a result of canceling claims 18-42, in the amendment filed June 2, 2004, the undersigned filed simultaneously a request for inventorship correction under 37 CFR 1.48(b) with the corresponding required fee. A copy of that request is enclosed with this response and Applicant respectfully requests entry of the correction of inventorship.

With this amendment, Applicant is also filing an Affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 which antedates the filing date of the Balint et al. US published application No. 2004/0038317 A1.

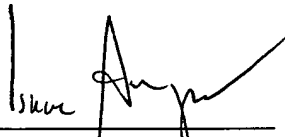
### **THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e)**

The rejection of Claims 1-17 and 43-62 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Balint et al. (US 2004/0038317 A1) has now been rendered moot as a result of the enclosed affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 as agreed during the interview of July 22, 2004 with Examiner Fredman.

In view of the affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 and the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of the current Application are in condition for

allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 703-418-2777 if he feels that further discussion may facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues. An early indication of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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